



Subject:	Request from GBBCA to extend their legal agreement with the Council for Grey Lag Goose Control in Victoria Park
Date:	10 th January 2023
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	For members to consider a request from George Best Belfast City Airport (GBBCA) to extend the current annual greylag goose legal agreement between BCC and GBBCA from the end of May to the end of June.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree to a request from GBBCA to extend their current Greylag goose licence with BCC from the end of May to the end of June each year due to changes in Geese habits. Should members deem it necessary, GBBCA representatives have offered to attend the February 2023 committee meeting to make a short presentation to members.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>GBBCA have written to the Council informing them of their intention to apply to NIEA for greylag geese egg control in Victoria Park. In making this request GBBCA have outlined that these measures have been successful to date and therefore the risks and associated severity of a collision between geese and an aircraft have reduced. They value the legal agreement and understanding with BCC and see it as an important arrangement that enables them to continue to discharge their legal responsibilities with regards to air safety.</p>
3.2	<p>GBBCA have also reported that geese habits have changed in recent years and sometimes eggs are laid into June and their licence with NIEA now runs to the end of June each year. They are now similarly requesting that the legal agreement between BCC and GBBCA is also amended to take account of these changes and thus be extended to align with NIEA's licensed period.</p>
3.3	<p>GBBCA are aware that a similar request to this committee in December 2021 was not granted. To help enable the above change they have requested to attend February committee to make a short presentation and to answer any queries that might arise.</p>
	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>None</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments</u></p>
3.5	<p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>None</p>